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☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/827,263 filed March 28, 1997 of Allan HERROD et al. for PORTABLE INTERNET SERVER TERMINAL.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/827,263 as originally filed on March 28, 1997.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☒ Cancel Claims 1-44.
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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--This is a division of application Serial No. 08/827,263 filed March 28, 1997 which is incorporated herein by reference.--
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10. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to: _____
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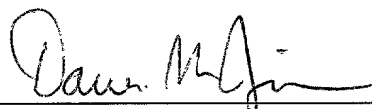
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READING AND EXECUTING)
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INSTRUCTIONS (as amended))

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Kindly change the title to read --NETWORK DATA SYSTEM FOR READING AND EXECUTING MACHINE-EXECUTABLE INSTRUCTIONS--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 4 as indicated in red ink on the attached Request For Approval Of

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Drawing Change. Specifically, please re-label "Create Page Address" as step 121.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 55-57, as follows:

--55. The data terminal according to claim 45, wherein said machine-executable instructions comprise applets.

56. The data terminal according to claim 45, wherein said applications comprise applets.

57. The data terminal according to claim 45, wherein said application comprises an applet.--

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments prior to the examination of the present application on the merits. Support for the newly added claims can be found, for example, on page 24 of the Specification.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

Description of the Related Art

Information is commonly stored on the Internet in the form of "pages" often comprising a "home page" relating to a general site and providing guidance and access to the contents at that site, the contents being contained in "sub-pages". A site includes a unique Internet Protocol address or Universe Resource Locator (URL). The site can thus be accessed from any access point to the Internet by entering the relevant address and displaying the site held at that address. The user accesses the Internet via a client computer, for example a PC linked to the Internet. The link will typically be via a modem and telephone line and a service provider or

server acts as intermediary, the client accessing the Internet via the server. In addition, the server allows the user to set up an Internet site. It will be appreciated that the server generally comprises a fixed station. Such an arrangement can give rise to an unnecessary level of inflexibility. In particular it is often time consuming and unnecessarily complex to have to access the fixed station server to set up or access an Internet site.

Various developments to Internet related systems have been disclosed in US patents. For example US 5,550,984 relates to a security system for connecting computer networks, US 5,544,162 relates to a bridge for connecting parallel processors to the external environment, US 5,517,494 relates to a routing protocol for multicast messages across the Internet, US 5,416,842 relates to message transmission between firewall servers, US 5,410,754 relates to an interface between a wire line carrier and a remote host on a Local Area Network (LAN), US 5,400,335 relates to an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - LAN connection terminal, US 5,353,283 relates to packet transmission across a series of nodes in a network, US 5,351,237 relates to a network of LAN's connected to an ISDN including a plurality of routers/sub-routers. US 5,309,437 relates to a bridge-type device for coupling segments of an extended LAN, US 5,289,468 relates to a terminal adapter for connecting a LAN and a Wide Area Network (WAN) using an Internet Standard Protocol, US 5,276,789 relates to graphically displaying computer network topology, US 5,229,988 relates to a system for classifying duplicate source address replies, US 5,185,860 relates to a system for determining the nodes connected to a computer network and US 5,166,931 relates to a system for an inter-network

The base station acts as a physical location of the mobile host and is linked to the network via a LAN sub-network.

A range of products have been developed by Spyglass Inc. enhancing the Internet connectivity of existing devices. In particular these products are designed to connect electronic products to the worldwide web such as cellular phones, cable T.V. set-top boxes, televisions, personal digital assistants and pagers, providing the infrastructure, applications and services to allow these devices browsing capability across the Internet. One such product is available under the trade mark REMOTE MOSAIC which converts browsing into a client service operation in which lightweight "viewers" are custom-integrated into devices which connect to a "proxy browser" on a remote server. The proxy browser handles applications demanding excessive process or memory capabilities such as caching and connects the device to other servers.

In another aspect there are numerous situations in which an instantaneous image of a scene or object is of considerable use and importance, for example in insurance claims documentation where it is vital to document as accurately and completely as possible the circumstances against which the insurance claim is made. Conventionally details are documented either in writing or by taking photographs using a film camera. This

information is then subsequently entered with all other information relating to the insurance claim. Such a system is time consuming and error-prone, in particular because of the subsequent re-entry of information and transfer of the physical photograph to the relevant file. Similar problems arise, for example, in news coverage of an incident, police or other authorities' incident reports and so forth.

US 5,583,994 relates to a multimedia information delivery network system. A wide area transmitter transmits the multimedia programs which are received by a plurality of network servers for re-transmission to downstream network servers or a user. The programs are cached at the network servers as determined by a scheduler for efficient delivery of the multimedia program to each user.

In another aspect, data terminals connected to the Internet are conventionally required to download applets in an appropriate agent implementation language from a host which is a complex and slow process.

Summary of the Invention

Objects of the Invention

It is an object of the present invention to avoid, mitigate or overcome the problems associated with prior art arrangements.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an improved data device interconnection with the Internet.

Features of the Present Invention

According to the present invention there is provided a data terminal connectable to, and remote from, the Internet comprising a data input and an internal server

for creating an Internet site representing the input data and having an Internet Protocol address, the terminal further comprising a network link cooperating with the server to provide access to the site to users elsewhere on the Internet. The system thus provides substantial benefits as regards speed, efficiency and accessibility.

The Internet site may be a web site. The data input may comprise one or more of the group of image recordal means, sound recording means, or text recordal means. The network link may be a wireless network link comprising one of the group of a radio frequency link, an infrared IRDA standard link or a microwave link over a private wireless local area network, or a cellular telephone network.

According to the present invention there is provided a data terminal connectable to, and remote from, a data network comprising a data input, means for creating a user accessible data site representing the input data and having a site address and a network link arranged to receive access requests from users elsewhere on the network addressed to the site, and provide access to the addressed site.

The network may comprise one of the group of the Internet, an Intranet or a Local Area Network (LAN), for example the network comprising the Internet and the site address comprising an Internet Protocol address. The site comprises a Web site.

The data input may comprise one of the group of image recordal means, sound recordal means or text recordal means, or even a chemical "sniffer" which detects the presence of certain chemicals in the air (e.g. natural gas, or other combustible or hazardous fumes). The data site creation and access means may comprise a server internal to the terminal. The network

According to the invention there is provided a mobile image recording unit connectable to the Internet via a wireless link comprising image recordal means, a server for creating an Internet site having an Internet Protocol address and representing the recorded image and a wireless link arranged to provide site access to requests directed to the site address.

According to the invention there is provided an Internet site creation and access system comprising a mobile unit including a server arranged to record images at a given geographical location and create a site representing the image internal to the terminal, wherein the mobile unit communicates with the Internet via a wireless link and users access the site at the mobile unit via the Internet.

30 According to the invention there is provided an
image capture and relay system comprising a remote still
image capture device including an encoder for encoding
the captured image as an image data signal and a
transmitter for transmitting the image data signal, the

5 The image capture device may comprise a digital camera and many further include a bar code reader and/or a microphone and/or a user data input device and/or include a printer, preferably arranged to print bar code symbols or a hard copy version of the captured image.

According to the invention there is further provided a still image capture device comprising a digital camera, an encoder for encoding the still image as an image data signal, and a transmitter for transmitting the image data signal by wireless transmission to a remote base station.

30 The image captured may relate to the condition of goods prior to delivery and the received image may be transferred from the base station to a delivery point for comparison with the received goods.

The image captured may relate to the condition of goods to be delivered, the image data signal may be

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Fig. 11 shows an alternative configuration for the

terminal of Fig. 8.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

5 A conventional Internet link is shown referring to the schematic diagram at Fig. 1, and block diagram of Fig. 2 and includes a remote terminal data device 1 comprising, for example, a lap-top computer, a PC or a mobile unit as discussed in more detail below linked to a server 2 via a suitable link 3 which can be a telephone
10 link, incorporating a suitable modem, a wireless link or a cellular telephone link amongst other possibilities which will be evident to the skilled person. The server 2 is in turn interconnected via line 4 to the Internet shown schematically at 5. When the user wishes to access
15 a web site the web site address is entered at terminal 1 and server 2 brings up the web site 6 at the given address from the Internet 5. Similarly when the user wishes to create a site, the relevant information is entered at terminal 1 and the site is created via server
20 2.

Whilst the system shown in Fig. 1 allows centralised site access and creation, it will be appreciated in certain circumstances the system is cumbersome, for example where it is desired to create a site very
25 quickly. In addition, whereas in some circumstances a user will simply know what information is sought, and will "browse" through the Internet to find a site containing that information, in some circumstances the user may be entirely aware of the exact site which he
30 wishes to access irrespective of the information contained at the site. In that case the centralised system shown in Fig. 1 can give rise to unnecessary delays.

An improved system according to the present

invention is shown as a block diagram in Fig. 3. Briefly within the client terminal 1 itself suitable server software 2 is retained. Accordingly the client is able to create an Internet site directly, the Internet site 6 being stored at the server again directly at the terminal 1. The client/server then accesses the Internet 5 via a line or wireless link 4. As is well known, the Internet can be accessed generally by access points AP_1 to AP_N .

As a result the invention allows a Internet site such as a web site to be set up at the terminal without the requirement of accessing a dedicated server, as appropriate server software is included at the client terminal. When a third party wishes to access the site, they will have or be able to obtain details of the client server address and can thus access the client server via the Internet.

A particular implementation of the invention arises in relation to client/servers provided in remote, mobile terminals communicating with the Internet via an access point with which it is in wireless communication. In that case data is entered at the mobile unit, generally relating to the physical environment at which the mobile unit is presently located such as an image of the surrounding scene. Users wishing to access that data merely need the client/server address. The address is entered at the relevant access point to the Internet and the site is pulled up directly from the client/server. It will be seen that the client/server can include a home page which is actually pulled by the user, the specific sub-pages at the site being accessible via the home page, once the home page has been accessed.

The system can use a data terminal of the type designated generally 10 in Fig. 5. The central elements to the data terminal 10 comprises a digital camera having

a lens 12 and a wireless Internet link 18.

Digital cameras are well known and the detailed structure will be apparent to the skilled man such that a detailed description is not required here. Briefly, however, the digital camera includes a lens system 12 for focusing an image onto a CCD (charge coupled device) array. The image is thus pixelised and encoded, for example as a bit stream. The encoded signal is decoded and displayed on a visual display screen 14 or output as hard copy. A "still" image is obtained in the same manner but by recording an instantaneous image. The majority of the components of the digital camera are not shown in Fig. 5 for the purposes of clarity. A CCD camera is preferable over, say, a laser camera as images can be recorded from a greater distance.

The data terminal 10 further comprises a keyboard 16. In order to record an image the lens 12 of the data terminal 10 is directed at the scene to be recorded. This is preferably displayed on the visual display screen 14. When a desired image is isolated a button, for example on the keyboard 16, is pressed and a still image recorded.

In the embodiment shown, the data terminal 10 further includes various optional and required components. The principal required component is a wireless signal transmitter 18 which, as discussed in more detail below, relays the recorded image to a remote access point for distribution from that point. Optionally the data terminal 10 further includes a microphone 20 for recording, for example, a verbal description of the recorded scene, a bar code reader 22 allowing alternative or complementary operation of the data terminal 10, a physical interface 24 for downloading of information stored in the data terminal 10 to a

terminal to which it is connected by cable or other link and a printer output slot for outputting a hard copy of the image, additional information, or as discussed in more detail below, a bar code symbol representative of the stored image. In addition, as discussed above, the terminal further includes server software allowing creation of a web site at the terminal. The web site can contain, for example, recorded images or sounds from the environment of the terminal together with text input at the keyboard and/or the user's recorded verbal commentary. A further feature that can be incorporated into the terminal is a global positioning system (GPS) of a known type. The GPS communicates with GPS satellites via a suitable antenna (not shown). As a result the specific geographical location of the mobile device can be immediately ascertained. This can be provided as additional information broadcast by the device and can also be used by a central tracking system to ascertain where all the devices are at a given time.

Once again specific details of the various individual components will be well known to the skilled reader and, for the purposes of clarity, are not repeated here.

In order to minimise costs the network architecture is designed to minimise the amount of data traffic over the highest cost communication links. This can be done for example by selecting a communication route which utilises the cheapest available lines. Where this can lead to delay a prioritisation system can be introduced ensuring that communications in respect of which delay is unimportant can be sent on a cost optimised basis whereas those signals for which the speed of transmission is important are sent on a urgency basis. For example where wireless communication gives rise to high costs as

the home page at step 126, allowing display of any desired page, returning to step 120. The system thus allows quick and easy operation with no programming required and in particular no HTML requirement. An instantaneous web page can be set up using the server software, the image to be displayed being stored simply by pointing the terminal at it and "clicking". Once again, the system can be designed with cost optimization in mind, ensuring that a minimum amount of data traffic occupies high-cost communication links.

Referring to Fig. 6 one possible implementation of an alternative embodiment of the present invention is shown. Where, for example, the police or other authorities, or an insurance operative wish to record details of a scene shown generally at 30, the image is captured as a still digital camera image by the data terminal 10 in the manner discussed above. The stored image is encoded, for example as a bit stream and the bit stream is transmitted or relayed via the transmitter 18 to a remote point.

In the embodiment shown the image information is relayed from transmitter 18 to an intermediate booster transmitter 32. This can either be one of a network spread across an area or can, for example, be carried in the data terminal user's vehicle or a carrying case. The use of a booster transmitter 32 reduces the broadcast power requirements of the data terminal 10 allowing more space to be dedicated to data storage/processing means or accessories, and increasing the battery life. It will be appreciated that the booster transmitter is, however, optional and in many cases will not be required. Transmission can take place via a RF wireless link microwave or other suitable wireless communication method. Where the vehicle is part of a larger GPS

monitored tracking system the arrangement of the present invention can be a module incorporated into the system.

5 Either the transmitter 18 in the data terminal 10 or the booster transmitter 32 relays the image information to an access point 34 including a receiver for receiving the relayed information signal. The received signal is input to a processor/data storage/decoder device 36. The image can then be transferred to any desired device, for example a central data storage device for the user to
10 access on return to his premises (for example an Intranet or LAN), or a news and information network (such as the Internet) where it is desired to broadcast the image, or to a police or other authorities' information database where it is desired to record and document the image.
15 The transmitted signal from the data terminal 10 may also include information such as the desired destination of the image, additional information relating to the circumstances, encoded information representative of recordings of any verbal messages or recordings of sound
20 messages further explaining the circumstances as recorded by the microphone 20. Information relating to the circumstances, or the destination of the image can be input via keyboard 16.

25 Where the web page is created on site at the terminal using a internal server, the transmission system described above can equally be used for third party access to the web page.

30 A block diagram showing the components of the data terminal 10 is illustrated in Fig. 7. The data terminal includes various inputs comprising suitable transducers for converting the input signals to electronic signals. The inputs include the digital camera input 44 including a CCD array transducer, an audio signal input 46 including a microphone transducer and a bar code symbol

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signal input including, for example, a CCD array. Each of the signals is input to an encoding or digitising sub-processor respectively 50,52,54, and the processed signal from each sub-processor is transferred to a data storage and processing device 56. The data is stored, processed and relayed as appropriate to various outputs. Data relating to the image captured by the digital camera 44 and, as appropriate, any bar code data or audio data is transferred to a transmitter module 58 and is transmitted as described above at output 60. A hard copy of the still image, or, as discussed below, a bar code symbol representative thereof is output via printer drive module 62 and output 64. Where it is desired to download stored information via a physical interface this is done at output 66. In addition the data store/processor 56 receives information input to the keyboard 16 via a line 68 and sends the image from the digital camera input 44 to the visual display screen 14 via line 70. The system as a whole is powered by power supply 72, for example a battery. Where the terminal is configured to create a web page on site, a server can be incorporated in hardware (or software or a combination of hardware and software) as shown at 57.

Accordingly it will be seen that in one aspect the image data can be captured automatically and transmitted to a common database accessible to authorised users. The images could be transported and/or accessed via video servers, collaborative work group software and distributed multimedia, and implemented by desktop video teleconferencing. Processing of the image can be carried out on the raw data once it has been transmitted to the main network, allowing a further reduction in the processing requirements and hence the power and space requirements for the data terminal itself.

providing access to all users simultaneously as desired, expediting processing time (as a result of immediate accessing), improving accuracy and/or efficiency, as a result of the availability of more precise information in particular in high resolution implementations, and associated cost savings in particular resulting from decreased processing time and improved accuracy.

Yet a further possible implementation of the arrangement would be as a remote fire alarm or smoke detector. A terminal including the basic components of a digital camera or other image recordal means and network connectivity can be permanently or detachably mounted at a zone where it is desired to monitor for fire, smoke, poisonous gases or any other such hazard. The terminal further includes a hazard detector of any suitable type such as a smoke detector, a heat detector, a noxious substance detector or other. All these detectors are well known to the skilled man and do not require further description here. In the case, for example, of a fire alarm terminal, when a heat detector detects that the ambient temperature has risen over a preset limit the terminal is activated to capture a still or moving image of the scene. At the same time the terminal notifies the relevant authorities such as the fire services and the image is transmitted in a manner discussed above to an access point at the fire station. Accordingly the scene can be reviewed and it can be assessed whether a true fire risk exists or whether other activity to which the increase in temperature is attributable can be detected such as cooking activity. As a result false alarms can be to a large extent avoided. It will be seen that a similar approach can be adopted for other hazard detectors, where an image of the scene is transmitted to suitable authorities when a

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A further implementation for which the system of the present invention according to a further aspect would be particularly suited and which would benefit from the advantages discussed above is in the field of goods transfer, for example parcel delivery. When a damaged parcel is received there is no way to know immediately the condition of the parcel when shipped. The system of the present invention would, however, be able to acquire the image and transmit it to a remote location or create a suitable web page on site. The image could then be accessed at the receiving depot and compared with the actual received parcel to establish whether the condition had changed in any way. An alternative option would be to print the image information in a bar code format, the bar code itself being attached to the parcel itself. The bar code symbol could be decoded at the receiving depot, once again to compare the image with the received parcel. Evidently a high resolution bar code symbol will be required, for example under protocol PDF 417. The reader shown in Fig. 5 includes the capability for such an arrangement including a printer and printer slot 26.

It will be appreciated that the embodiments described above relate to specific possible implementation of the invention, and that the invention embraces a number of alternatives. For example, as shown in Fig. 8 the data terminal 10 is configured with ergonomic considerations in mind, fitting comfortably into the palm of the user's hand. As a result the data terminal 10 can be quickly and accurately directed towards an image to be recorded, using the visual display screen to ensure that the image is as desired. At the same time the keyboard can be manipulated comfortably

using the user's other hand to capture the image, input additional information and so forth. Alternatively the terminal may be in the form of a conventional camera, or a video camera, or any other appropriate configuration allowing image capture, and, preferably, data input.

The digital camera preferably includes auto focus capabilities and manual zoom capabilities with a separate button/trigger for zooming, which button/trigger may form part of the keyboard or may be provided separately. The manual zoom feature will assist in taking close-ups of the subject to be imaged. As mentioned above, a printer, for example a low density, low quality printer can be included in the data terminal, or provided as an add-on, so that a hard copy of the image is available in the field. As also discussed above, the image could be printed in PDF 417 format for subsequent decoding.

Fig. 11 shows an alternative configuration for a data terminal. The terminal 10 contains generally all of the components discussed in relation to the other embodiments herein. However the terminal 10 is configured in a "point and shoot" design and includes a grip portion 120 and a barrel portion 122. The grip portion is configured to sit comfortably and easily, with optimum balance, in the user's hand and further carries a trigger 124 and a thumb wheel 126. A display 128 and optional keypad 130 are provided on the upper face of the barrel portion 122 to allow easy viewing and input access to the user. The camera lens or other image recordal means are provided on the front face of the barrel portion 122 (not shown) allowing the user simply to point the terminal 10 in the direction it is desired to record in. When the desired scene is viewed on a display 128 capture is effected by activation of the trigger 124. Zoom can be controlled by the thumb wheel 126 which is

preferably located for optimum ease of use by the user's thumb when the grip portion 120 is held by the user.

5 The processing speed and storage capabilities of the components of the data terminal can of course be determined according to the eventual cost of the system, for example a slower and hence cheaper microprocessor can be incorporated. For more high-end applications the data terminal could additionally include an SRAM card to store the still images. In addition the visual display screen 10 14 can, as shown in Fig. 9 include LCD (liquid crystal display) capabilities. Accordingly using a suitable pen 100, the image can be altered for example by ringing or otherwise highlighting areas of interest, the alterations being represented on the LCD display as 102 in Fig. 9. 15 The alterations can be deleted or revised additionally using the keyboard as appropriate.

20 The range of implementations, and the speed and efficiency of the system can be further enhanced by also incorporating bar code reader capabilities into, or in conjunction with, the data terminal. The construction and applications of bar code readers will be well known to the skilled man and do not require a detailed description here. Briefly, however, a bar code symbol comprises one or more rows of light and dark regions, 25 typically in the form of rectangles or, for the case of two-dimensional codes, in the form of a two-dimensional array of light and dark spaces. The dimensions of the dark and light regions indicate encoded information to be read. A bar code symbol reader illuminates the symbol 30 using reading beam generating means and senses light reflective on the coded regions using reading beam detecting means to detect the dimensions of the coded regions. A decoder decodes the detected encoded information. Known symbols which include, for example,

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UPC/EAN, Coder 128, Codabar and Interleaved 2 of 5.

One known type of bar code reader comprises a data wand as disclosed in US Patent No. 4,471,218, incorporated herein by reference.

5 Fig. 10 shows a data terminal 10 of the type described herein above further incorporating an optical reader 110 incorporated in the data terminal 10. The reader 110 includes reading beam generating and detecting means and the data terminal 10 includes processing means
10 for decoding the detected encoded information. The reader 110 may comprise either a "flying-spot" laser scanner including means for scanning the reading beam or a "field of view" optical reader including a CCD array as detector. Both types of reader will be well known to the
15 skilled reader and a full description of the components and operation is not provided here.

It will be appreciated that a wide range of implementations can be envisaged for the data terminal 10 shown in Fig. 10. In particular it may be useful in many
20 circumstances to be able to read information encoded in bar codes to adduce additional information to that retrieved by the data terminal from the external environment.

A particularly advantageous embodiment is shown in Fig. 10. In particular a book or other printer matter
25 114 is provided which can be carried by the user including printed bar codes 116 which are read by the reader 110 and the information contained therein utilised by the data terminal 10. As discussed in more detail
30 below, the data terminal 10 in fact comprises an Internet server capable of creating a web site at the data terminal carrying, for example, information relating to the external environment around the data terminal for access by users elsewhere on the Internet. In such

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The invention allows the user to carry a conventional book - for example having five hundred pages of 2-D applet codes. Such a book would not be cumbersome and would indeed be attractive to many users. The system
20 allows greatly accelerated downloading of applets in as little as fifteen seconds. Conventional downloading systems would still be waiting for connection to the host in that range of time scale.

. It will be seen that the data terminal can communicate with any suitable data network, for example an access point to the Internet, or to a closed dedicated system relating to the user or to which the user

subscribes together with other users. Communication can be by way of RF communication or, if appropriate, infrared or microwave communication, or any other suitable wireless communication method.

It will be appreciated that any of the features discussed in relation to one embodiment can, as appropriate, be incorporated in any other embodiment without departing from the teaching of the present specification.

Without further analysis, the foregoing will so fully reveal the gist of the present invention that others can readily adapt to various applications without omitting features that, of the standpoint of prior art, fairly constitute essential characteristics of the generic or specific aspects of the invention and, therefore, such adaptations should and are intended to be compounded within the meaning and range of equivalents of the following claims.

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CLAIMS

1. A data terminal connectable to, and remote from, the Internet comprising a data input and an internal server
5 for creating an Internet site representing the input data and having an Internet Protocol address, the terminal further comprising a network link cooperating with the server to provide access to the site to users elsewhere on the Internet.
- 10 2. A terminal as claimed in claim 1 in which the Internet site is a web site.
- 15 3. A terminal as claimed in claim 1 in which the data input comprises one or more of the group of image recordal means, sound recording means, or text recordal means.
- 20 4. A terminal as claimed in claim 1 in which the network link is a wireless network link.
- 25 5. A terminal as claimed in claim 4 in which the wireless link comprises one of the group of a radio frequency link, an infrared IRDA standard link or a microwave link.
- 30 6. A data terminal connectable to, and remote from, a data network comprising a data input, means for creating a user accessible data file representing the input data and having a network address and a network link arranged to receive access requests from users elsewhere on the network and provide access to the file.
7. A terminal as claimed in claim 6 in which the

8. A terminal as claimed in claim 6 in which the
5 network comprises the Internet and the network address
comprises an Internet Protocol address.

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15. A mobile image recording unit connectable to the Internet via a wireless link comprising image recording means, an Internet server for creating an addressable

file representing a recorded image and a wireless link arranged to provide access to the file.

5 16. A unit as claimed in claim 15 in which the server creates respective sub-pages for respective recorded images and includes a menu setting out the sub-pages on a home page at the file address.

10 17. An Internet file creation and access system comprising a mobile unit including a server arranged to record images at a given geographical location and create, internal to the terminal a file representing the image wherein the mobile unit communicates with the Internet via a wireless link and users access the file
15 via the Internet.

20 18. A method of creating a web site in which a mobile unit records data relating to its immediate environment, a server within the mobile unit creates a web site page representing the data and having an Internet Protocol address, and Internet users access the web site at the Internet Protocol address via a wireless link between the mobile unit and the Internet.

25 19. An image capture and relay system comprising a remote still image capture device including an encoder for encoding the captured image as an image data signal and a transmitter for transmitting the image data signal, the system further comprising a base station for
30 receiving the image data signal and providing access to the image data.

20. A system as claimed in claim 18 in which the image capture device comprises a digital camera.

is provided associated with the grip portion and arranged to actuate image capture.

5 32. A system as claimed in claim 30 in which a variable control is provided associated with the grip portion for controlling image zoom.

10 33. A system as claimed in claim 32 in which the variable control comprises a thumb wheel.

34. A system as claimed in claim 19 in which the image capture device further includes hazard detector means for location in a hazard zone.

15 35. A system as claimed in claim 34 in which the hazard detector means comprises one of the group of a smoke detector, heat detector, fume detector, motion detector.

20 36. A system as claimed in claim 34 in which on detection of a hazard an image of the hazard zone is captured and transmitted to the relevant hazard control authority for review.

25 37. A system as claimed in claim 19 in which the image data signal is transmitted along a cost-optimised transmission route.

30 38. A system as claimed in claim 37 in which the communication route is determined selecting the lowest cost communication links.

39. A data network including a first transmission point, a second reception point, a plurality of intermediate transfer points, communications link having an associated

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cost factor linking respective pairs of points, in which the transmission is routed from the first point to the second point via one or more transfer points selected to minimise the cost of the associated communication links.

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40. A still image capture device comprising a digital camera, an encoder for encoding the still image as an image data signal, and a transmitter for transmitting the image data signal by wireless transmission to a remote base station.

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41. A method of capturing and relaying an image comprising the steps of capturing the image using a remote image capture device, encoding the captured image as an image data signal and transmitting the image data signal, the encoder and transmitter being provided in the remote image capture device, and receiving the transmitted image data signal in a base station for distributing the image.

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42. A method as claimed in claim 41 in which the image captured relates to a given incident and the base station transfers the received image to an insurance database relating to the incident.

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43. A method as claimed in claim 41 in which the image captured relates to the condition of goods prior to delivery and the received image is transferred from the base station to a delivery point for comparison with the received goods.

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44. A method as claimed in claim 41 in which the image captured relates to the condition of goods to be delivered, the image data signal is encoded as a bar code

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52. A terminal as claimed in claim 45 in which the

terminal comprises a remote terminal arranged to connect with a computer network via a wireless link.

53. An Internet connective data system comprising a data terminal including an Internet interface, a data processor and a reader for reading machine readable indicia, and a printed indicia display, wherein the printed indicia comprises machine readable encoded Internet related applications, the reader is arranged to read the indicia and the data processor is arranged to decode and execute the applications.

54. A method of accessing an Internet related application wherein a data terminal is provided including a reader for reading machine readable indicia, a data processor and an Internet interface, wherein a plurality of machine readable printed indicia encoding Internet related applications are provided from printed matter, one or more indicia are read by the reader, the Internet related application is decoded and executed by the data processor for interface as appropriate with the Internet.

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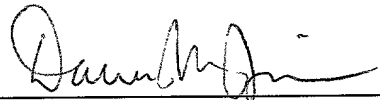
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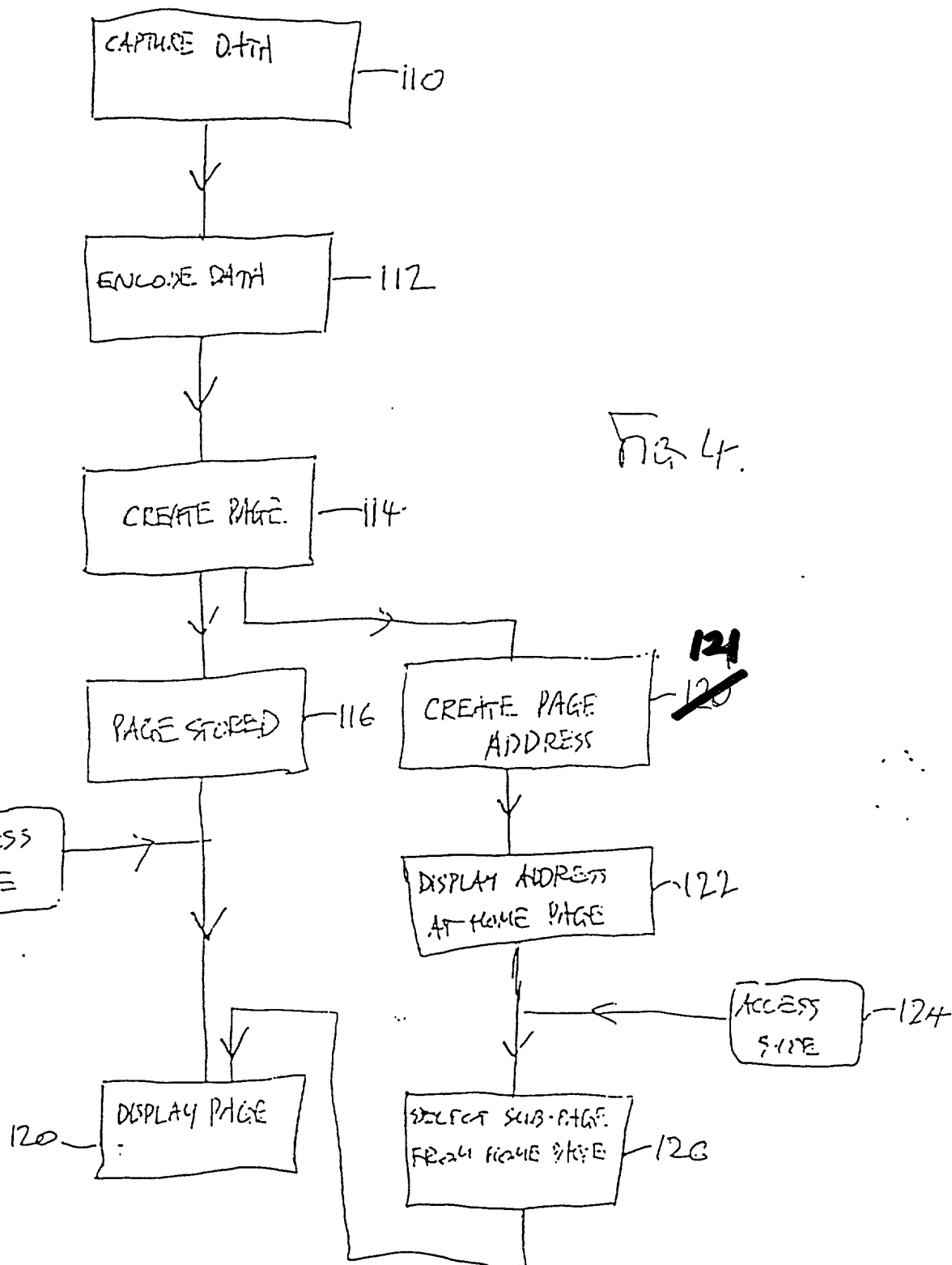
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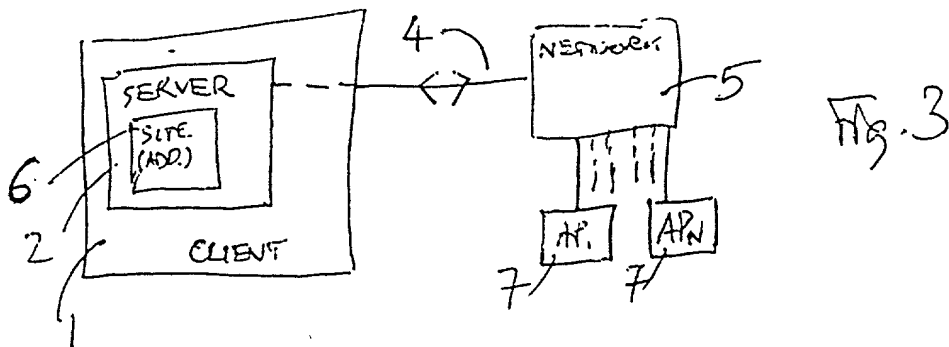
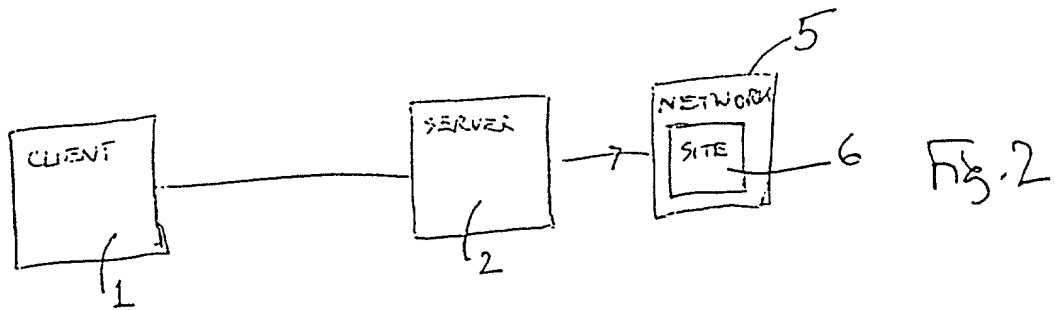
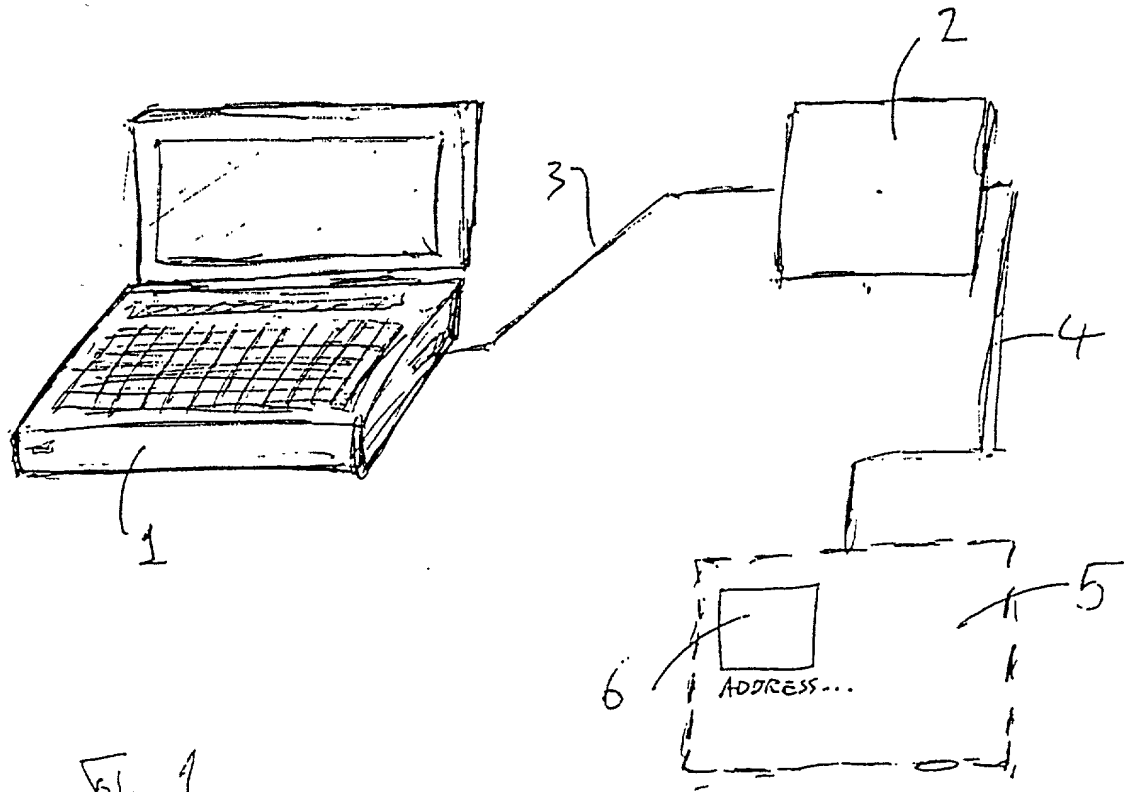
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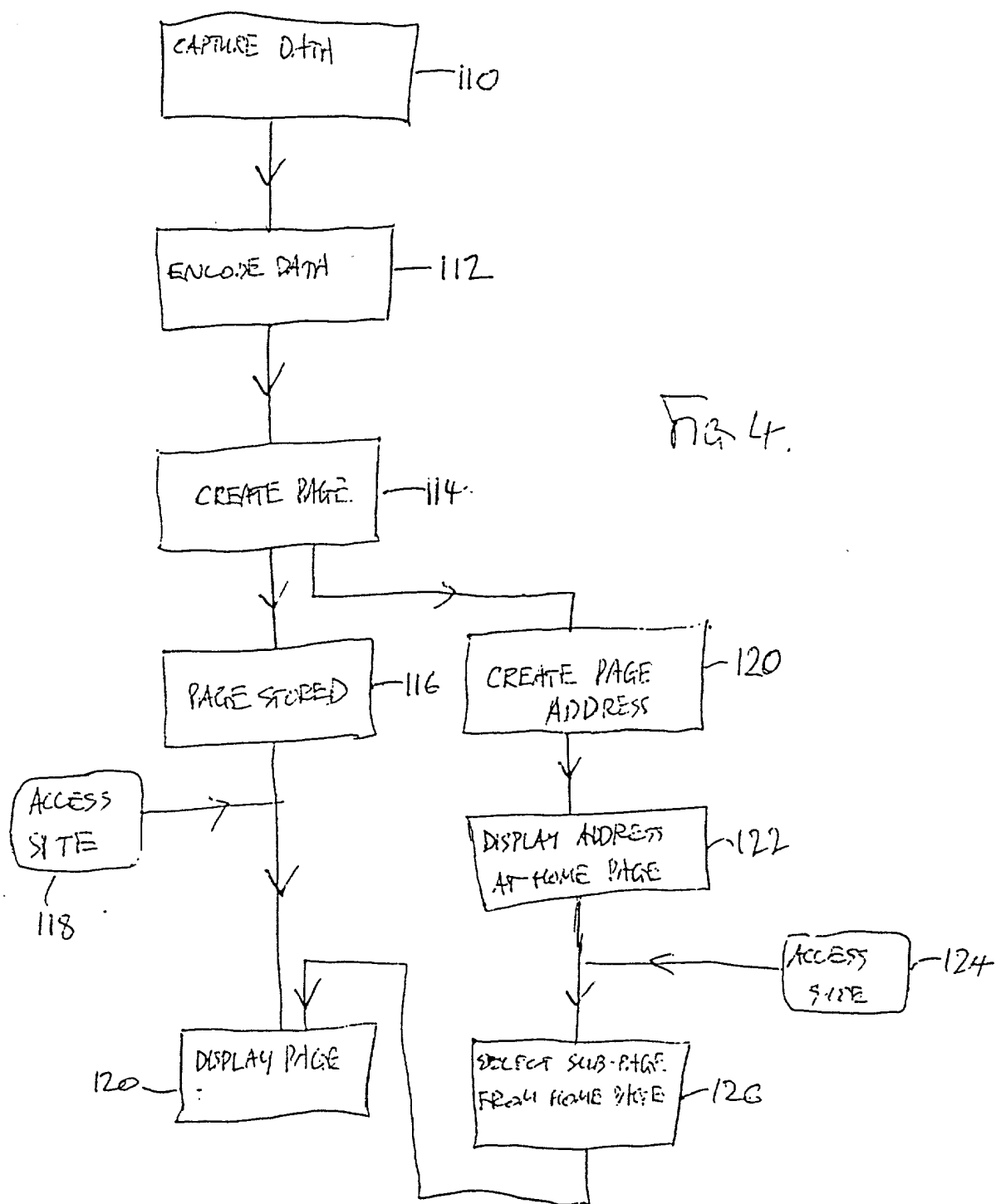
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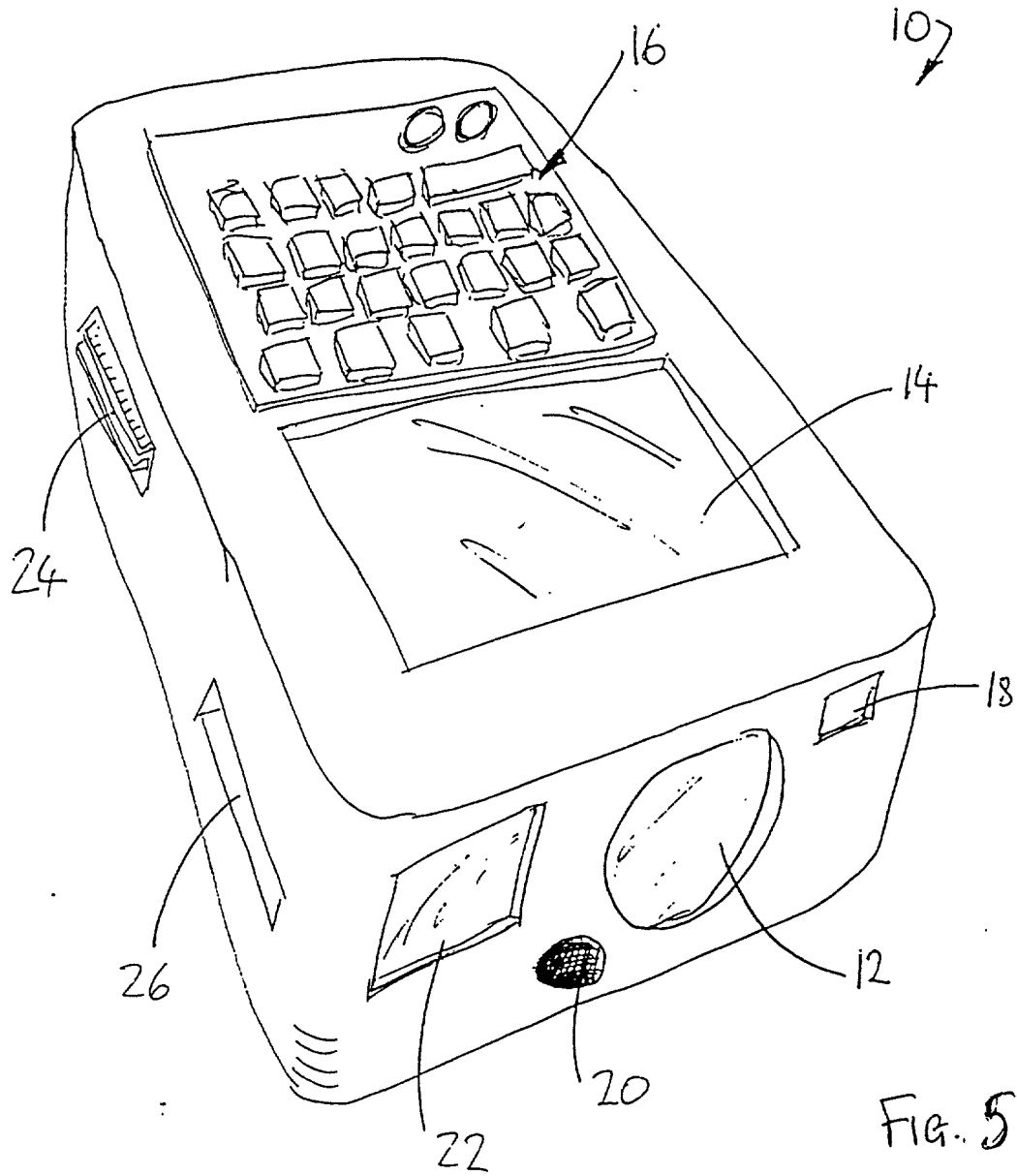
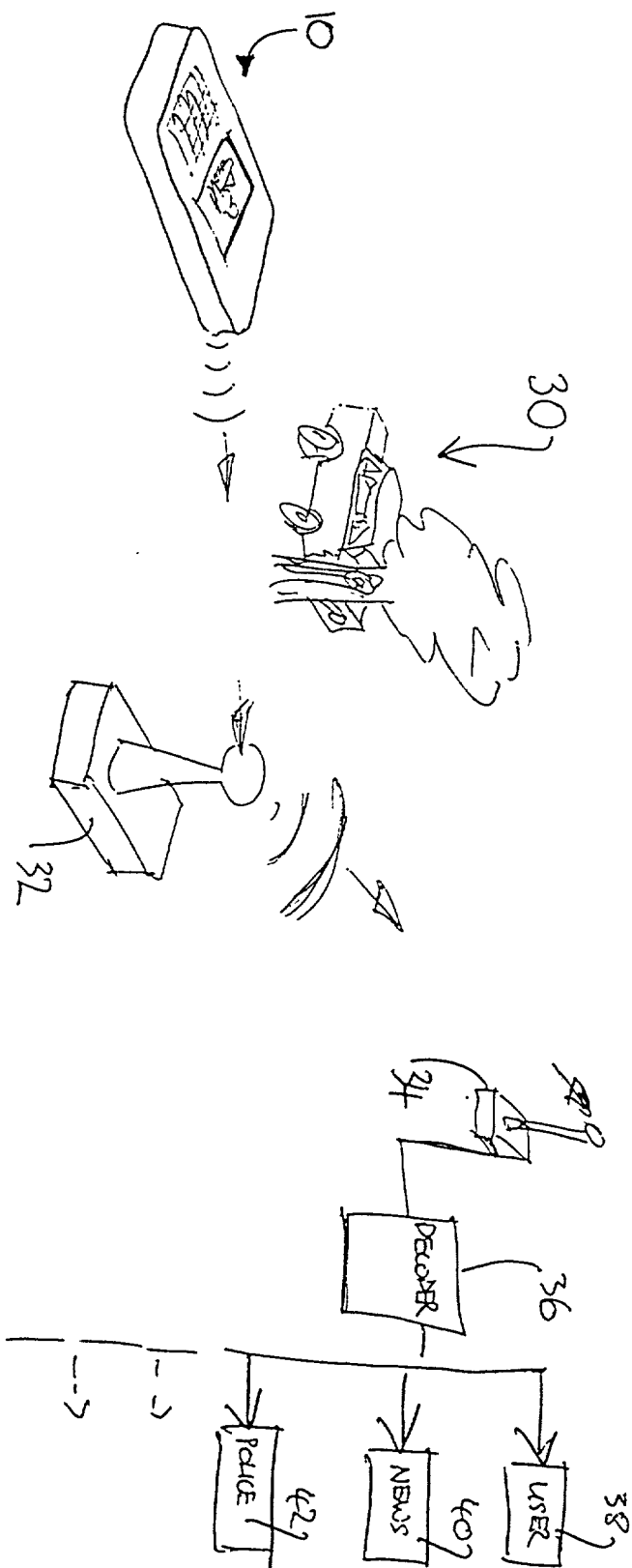


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FIG. 6



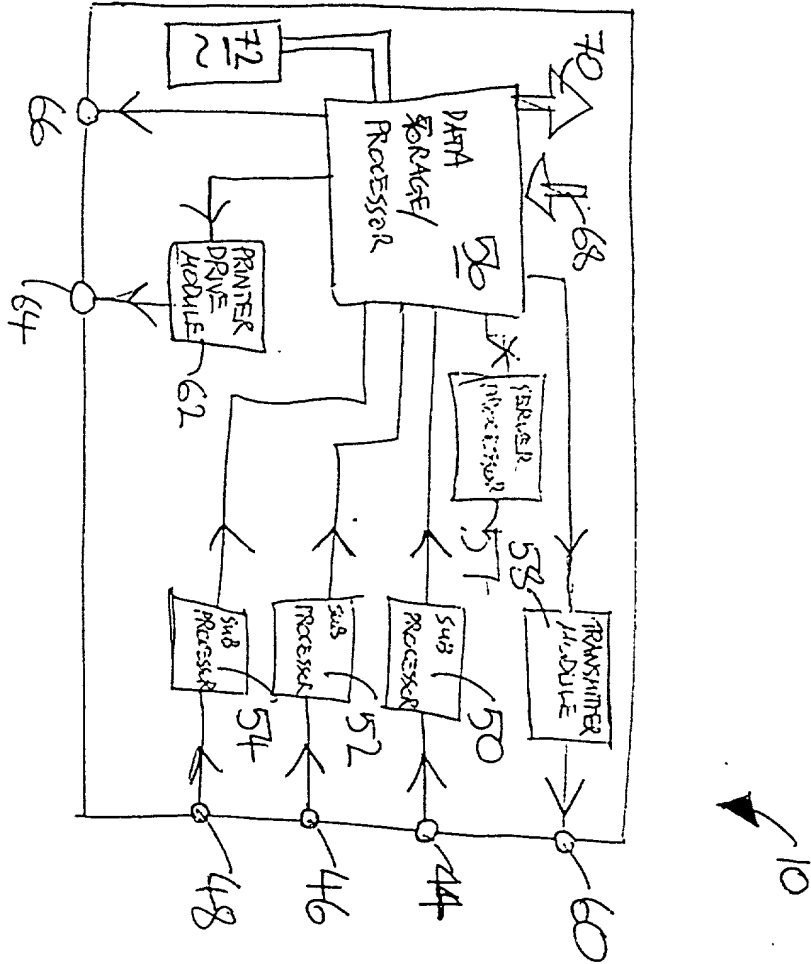


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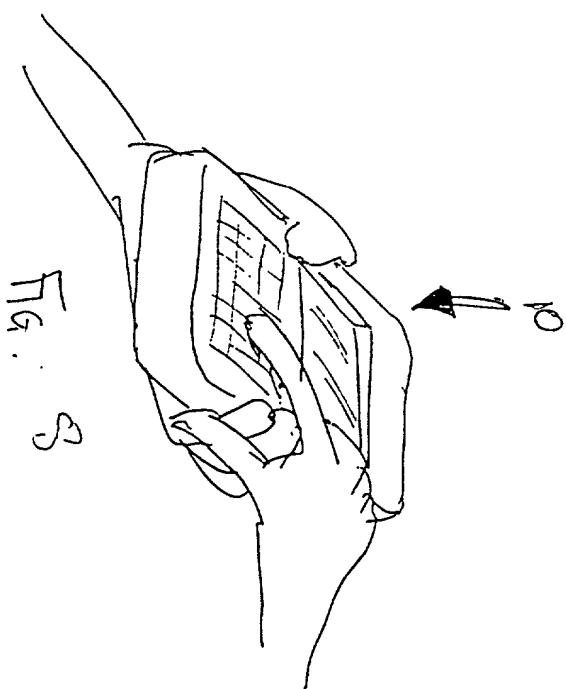
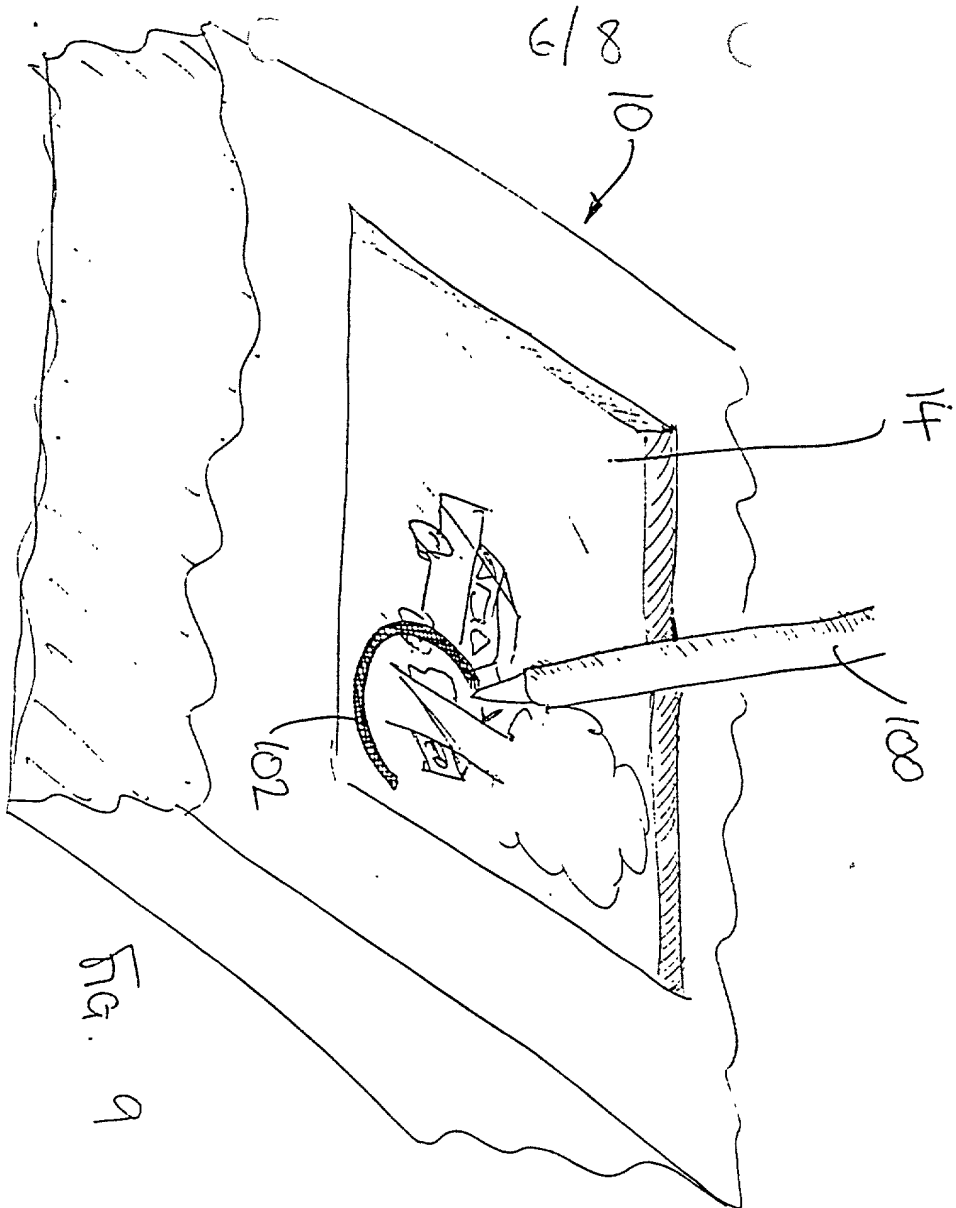
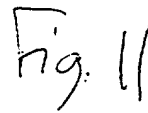


Fig. 10





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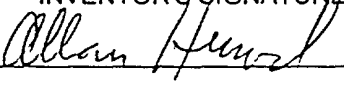
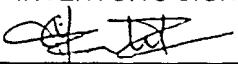
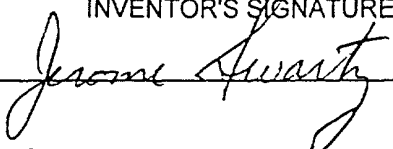
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